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CHANGES IN DRINKING WATER SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes some changes in schemes being implemented under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any special plan to provide financial assistance to some States facing acute shortage of safe drinking water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d) It is proposed that only one scheme for rural drinking water will be under implementation during the Eleventh Plan period, with components for promoting community participation, sustainability of water sources and tackling water quality problems. Special funding for water supply to areas identified under Desert Development Programme and those affected by natural calamity is proposed to be continued.

Since rural drinking water is a State subject, Government of India does not prepare special plans for any State. Financial assistance is provided to States and they are competent to plan, approve and implement projects.